Creating an attractive investment climate for Non-Resident Indians and Persons of Indian Origin has been a conscious part of liberalization of economic policies by the Government in the past some years. Recent steps in this direction include (i) implementation of a major recommendation of the High Level Committee on the Indian diaspora to hold the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations in New Delhi from January 9-11, 2003; (ii) the permission granted by the RBI for remittances upto US$ one million out of balances held by NRIs/PIOs in their NRO Accounts and from sale proceeds of assets acquired by them by way of inheritance/ legacy.

Banks loan to SSI units

†665. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN'
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector banks of the country extend loans to small scale units; and

(b) if so, the State-wise loans extended by banks to these units in the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Yes, Sir. Public Sector Banks extend loans to the Small Scale Sector in the form of working capital, term loan and composite loan.

(b) Reserve Bank of India's Monitoring System does not generate information relating to the State-wise loans extended by Banks to SSI Units. However, the State-wise details of loans outstanding in the book of Public Sector Banks against SSI Units for the years ended March 1999, 2000, 2001 (latest available) are furnished in the statement enclosed.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise details of loans outstanding in the books of Public Sector Banks against SSI Units

(Amount in Rs. 000's)

Sl.	State/Union Territory	As at the end of March		
		1999	2000	2001
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26463198	30630858	39024816
2.	Bihar	10789488	10858784	7973787
3.	Chandigarh	2734851	2792313	3297061
4.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	132600	140000	142186
5.	Goa	2242807	1901914	1845312
6.	Gujarat	30491522	33057859	38508002
7.	Haryana	17041406	17309880	19891739
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1876943	2192977	2226086
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1424994	1871967	3846089
10.	Jharkhand	-	-	3177292
11.	Kerala	12379787	13883043	20971416
12.	Karnataka	25616250	26399343	33232653
13.	Madhya Pradesh	16364303	18329751	17979789
14.	Maharashtra	78634756	89363106	143730107
15.	Meghalaya	170376	206657	205605
16.	NCT of Delhi	36688433	35893029	45094477
17.	Nagaland	215829	228054	196711
18.	Orissa	5922475	6623569	7497544
19.	Pondicherry	363016	374106	534584
20.	Punjab	29635752	31388010	36080363
21.	Rajasthan	15136525	16433014	20224357
22.	Tamil Nadu	46956442	51271617	77863196
23.	Uttar Pradesh	35291556	38172096	39534749
24.	Uttaranchal	-	-	671716
25.	West Bengal	25618425	27398387	32658368
26.	Assam	2741362	2840240	2644111
27.	Manipur	456120	369842	300058
28.	Tripura	217895	211104	223576
29.	Arunachal Pradesh	45148	55340	61326
30.	Mizoram	79963	84287	79345
31.	Sikkim	81740	57976	63617
32.	Andaman & Nicobar	42783	41296	53315
33.	Daman & Diu	49642	67271	104833
34.	Lakshadweep	552	597	284685
35.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	1191231